

## Production and Output.

# DEMAND CUT TO REQUIREMENTS IN COKE AS IN PIG IRON.

Despite Discouraging Conditions Operators Are Standing Out Stubbornly for Prices They Are Obtaining.

## SELLING AGENCY HANGS FIRE

Evident That the Connellsville Coke Business Ought to Be Combined in Some Reasonable and Equitable Fashion to Force Reasonable Profit

The Connellsville coke trade is slow, somber and sullen. Production is being limited to demand. Demand has been cut to furnace requirements and furnace requirements have been cut to demand for pig iron. There is a slight increase in coke production and output last week but not enough to justify any prediction of trade improvement.

In spite of these dark and discouraging conditions the operators are standing out pretty stubbornly for present prices, and it stands them in hand to stand as far as they can. Connellsville coke is now being sold at figures which leave no margin of profit, counting the coal at its accepted value and making due allowance for plant depreciation. It cannot be sold for less than it must be sold for more.

The Connellsville coke operators are consulting together but with out accomplishing anything effective. They held a meeting yesterday in Uniontown but beyond consulting with each other on the situation nothing definite is reported in the way of action. The operators are somewhat in the dumps and with good reason. The central selling agency, upon which it was hoped to save the market from ruin by conditions, hangs fire. Operators who were willing to enter into a wholesale combination back at the selling agency movement, while it is not as good an arrangement as can be effected, will certainly be an improvement in present conditions. The situation is well expressed in the language of a farsighted and experienced operator as follows:

"It is evident that the Connellsville coke business ought to be combined in some reasonable and equitable fashion. We are producing approximately 400,000 tons per week which is perhaps within 25% of the capacity of the available ovens of the regions. Trade is not so dull but that with a united front the operators cannot obtain better prices. Certainly I will admit that there is no reasonable hope of presenting a united front until we ourselves are united beyond the power of any operators to play the guerrilla.

Changes in the active and idle lists of ovens in both regions have made the trial. Twenty-nine more ovens were in blast than during the previous week. The plants of the region are running on an average of better than five days a week.

In shipments there was a gain of nearly two cars last week over those of the previous week. There was a gain all around but the largest increase was in the shipments to points west of Pittsburgh.

**EXCEPTIONS FILED**

In suit against the He Coke Drawing Company, in the equity suit of John A. Hebb against the He Coke Drawing Company in which a decree was recently entered favorable to Hebb the defense Saturday filed 31 exceptions to the findings. Errors are alleged in the trial of the case and in the findings of the court.

Hebb was the inventor of the Hebb coke drawing machine the rights being transferred to the defendant company in consideration of one third of the capital stock. The stock was soon increased, but the company refused to pay Hebb anything additional holding that he was only entitled to one third of the original stock. He took the case to court and won his suit.

## WANTS \$25,000

President Foothill Will Seek Aid for Irwin Field Miners

Francis Foothill President of the Pittsburgh United Mine Workers left last night for Indiana spots to meet the executive board of the miners organization and to ask for a contribution of \$25,000 to assist the striking miners in the Irwin field.

Officials claim that 21,000 men are on strike and many have been out for nine months. Sixty miners will be affected.

## AGREE ON SCALE

Miners in Central Pennsylvania Field Ratify Agreement

The wage scale agreement reached by representatives of the miners and operators in the central Pennsylvania bituminous coal field at Altoona last month has been ratified by the miners. District No. 2 of the United Mine Workers of America, about 26,000 men in the 500 miners in the district voted on the proposition. Seventy-one percent voted in favor of ratification.

## Keystone Improvements

The Keystone Coal & Coke Company of Greensburg are making plans to open two new ovens equipped each for a daily output of 2,000 to 3,000 tons on the 3,500 acres of coal they bought near Farmington, W. Va.

CONNELLSVILLE PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 19, 1910

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

| PRODUCTION                   | WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 1910 |        |       | WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 1910 |        |        |       |         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
|                              | District                 | Ovens  | In    | Out                     | Tons   | Ovens  | In    | Out     |
| Connellsville                | 24,519                   | 17,681 | 6,835 | 228,614                 | 24,519 | 17,708 | 6,511 | 228,561 |
| Lower Connellsville          | 14,789                   | 12,757 | 2,032 | 168,150                 | 13,759 | 12,704 | 2,053 | 165,449 |
| Totals.                      | 39,308                   | 30,441 | 8,867 | 396,777                 | 39,308 | 30,112 | 8,806 | 391,414 |
| Furnace Ovens                | 19,210                   | 11,061 | 5,125 | 194,621                 | 19,210 | 11,081 | 5,129 | 193,631 |
| Connellsville                | 4,613                    | 3,770  | 813   | 50,973                  | 4,613  | 3,770  | 813   | 50,973  |
| Totals.                      | 23,823                   | 17,451 | 5,972 | 237,597                 | 23,523 | 17,501 | 5,972 | 232,904 |
| Open Market Ovens            | 5,309                    | 3,603  | 1,700 | 43,964                  | 5,309  | 3,627  | 1,882 | 44,794  |
| Connellsville                | 10,176                   | 8,957  | 1,189 | 117,186                 | 10,176 | 8,934  | 1,242 | 116,771 |
| Totals.                      | 15,485                   | 12,500 | 2,895 | 161,180                 | 15,485 | 12,561 | 2,924 | 161,510 |
| SHIPMENTS                    | WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 1910 |        |       | WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 1910 |        |        |       |         |
| To Pittsburgh                | 4,256 Cars               |        |       | 4,063 Cars              |        |        |       |         |
| To Points West of Pittsburgh | 6,216 Cars               |        |       | 5,860 Cars              |        |        |       |         |
| To Points East of the Region | 986 Cars                 |        |       | 1,020 Cars              |        |        |       |         |
| Totals.                      | 11,538 Cars              |        |       | 10,943 Cars             |        |        |       |         |

## MECHANICAL COKE DRAWER IN USE.

### New Device in Successful Operation at Continental.

### A BIG SAVING IN LABOR

Mach no. Runs on the Larry Track, Uses the Larry Trolley and Operates Through the Tunnel Head and Operates on Any Size Oven.

What has proven to be a remarkable invention for assisting in the economical production of coke is a new and unique machine for leveling coal in the ovens.

One of these mechanical devices has been in operation at the Continental. No. 1 plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, Uniontown, for the past six months.

The record of the machine at Continental No. 1 shows that it is machine levels 15 ovens per day, finishing its task within one minute after the last oven is charged. The machine is operated by one man and the labor saving alone amounts to about \$1.00 per day. The perfect working of the machine makes it possible to not only burn off the last charge put in in oven but in addition allows the charing of approximately seven per cent more coal thereby increasing the output of the plant and making more coke the coal which has heretofore been wasted to the ash can as black head.

The proper leveling of the machine is not the only thing which makes it possible to burn more coal than is customary where hand leveling is practiced.

The loss of coal due to various causes among them are creeps, squeezes and improper mining in early operations also not working the coal or its extremely leaving stamps to keep from blowing in the surface lack of thorough knowledge in breasting out old streaks in the coal such as a shale tendency or sulphur streaked coal known as red coal a slight drop or sloping of the coal and creases.

In the mining of coke fuel steam is worked only in the headings at the extremity of the field and boundary and then a clean sweep towards the entry begins.

In leveling the operator moves his machine near the center of the oven and adjusts it to the center of the tunnel head by the hand wheel throws over the hand lever causing the shaft to turn into the oven and by means of the controller starts it revolving.

A friction device operates an internal nut which moves a plunger rod with the vertical shaft opens out the leveling arms. By the time the arms are moved out to their full extent the oven is perfectly leveled. Reversing the motor closes the arms throwing in the friction device the shaft to its upper position and the machine is ready for the next oven.

The machine can be built to level any size oven and will operate equally well on a double or single block of ovens. It is as active as a horse and the fuel is never in the way of the ovens.

A knowledge of the causes with practical experience in the mine reduces the liability of these serious occurrences to a minimum or near so as to pose little or no hindrance to the elimination of the extremes of the mine.

Keystone improvements

Several minor improvements are being made around the shaft of the Lenoir No. 3 plant

## HURT AT RAINETOWN

Herbert Stephens Caught When Coal Cars Jumped Track

Herbert W. son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stephens had his foot badly bruised and cut on his right hand yesterday afternoon while at work in the Coronet Coal Company's mine at Rainetown.

Will, coming out of the mine with a train of loaded cars and after drawing the springs from the wheels, jumped on the back of the train to make light for the mine. Immediately after he got on the car the front car jumped the track knocking the others crosswise and before Stephens could get to safety his foot was caught between the cars.

## CONSERVATION

### IN COAL MINING.

### Operators Are More Careful Now Than in Early Days.

### MUCH COAL HAS BEEN LOST

Some of the Causes of the Loss of Coke Fuel—Steam Is Now Worked Back from Extremity of the Field Taking Everything Clean

Conservation of coal mining continues to the success of operations and the safety of the coal. In the early history of coal mining in this region large amounts of coal were lost or entirely never recovered. As much of this is possible is now being recovered in old mines of the Connellsville region.

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## Prices and Prospects.

# OPERATORS GROW TIRED WAITING; MAKE SECOND HALF CONTRACTS.

Prices Lower Than Would Have Been Accepted Two Weeks Ago, But Represented Bids Made.

## IRON AND STEEL

### THE PROMPT MARKET IS QUIET

Only Transaction of Note Was Sale of 15,000 Tons For May and June Delivery—The Demand From Foundries Has Been Poor

Special to The Weekly Courier  
PITTSBURG May 18.—Some operators sold out on the waiting game and recognizing that the general iron and steel trade does not promise high prices this year it is being done in reference to the cost of production or purchase of iron and steel. It is decided to sell a little coke. The result was to follow contracts for Connellsville 100 tons monthly or even half tons in this over six months.

Our contract was made with an eastern consumer another with a Valley consumer. These prices we decide to be lower than any ever was willing to take a fortnight ago but represented all that furnaces which were in the market had been bidding it is recognized that they are below the cost of production to some extent making due allowance for fixed charges and exhaustion.

The prompt market has been quiet the only transaction of note being 15,000 tons for May and June shipment at \$1.60. On smaller lots higher prices are as follows:

The demand from foundries is poor the Pittsburgh foundries are running very light the jobbing foundries in town are doing better but are running far from full. Prices on foundries are well maintained but have not suffered any through the lower prices on scrap iron. On the basis of actual transactions we quote the market as follows:

P. & P. Iron \$1.60-\$1.80  
P. & P. Steel \$1.60-\$1.80  
S. I. Iron \$1.60-\$1.80  
S. I. Steel \$1.60-\$1.80

Still lower prices in the basic basic being down to \$1. Valley and foundries still the same can be said of foundries a though not actual this has been reported at the figure.

Sales at these prices however are even only odd circulation lots or iron which furnaces have on hand and which they sell to an iron. They would not sell at any such prices on iron to be made out of the new which is 8 cents a pound over last year for example in such cases being fully \$1.00. The Bessemer market is still little higher nominal at \$1. Valley it is certain that iron could be bought at a lower price but neither has occurred to fix a definite price. There have been reports of \$1.00 and \$1.25 but investigation makes it very serious whether these were bona fide.

## NO IMPROVEMENT

Over Last Week Is Shown in Iron and Steel Trades

Special to The Weekly Courier  
NEW YORK May 19.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

"The week has shown no further improvement in the iron and steel market but is still as it was in April. The Monongahela River Coal and Coke Company has filed an appeal from the report of the commissioners in the matter of the use of coke in blast furnaces in the Lehigh Valley. The coal company joins in the suit after it is turned back into the blast furnace company to come out even at the present loss."

## FILE AN APPEAL

River Coal Company Objects to Report of Commissioners

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Enthusiastic Over First Aid





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## Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

Week Ending Friday, May 14, 1886.

The Borough officers are: Burgess, J. T. Joseph Johnston; Town Council, J. T. McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, William Hiram Baldwin, James McGrath and William Hannan; School Board, Dr. Smith Butterworth; President, Dr. J. J. Singer; Robert Vance, Stephen Robbins, Lester P. Norton and H. F. Snyder.

Connellsville is a town of 10,000 people.

Howard Strickler, Deistuth, Thomas Campbell, Samuel Freeman, James H. Greenland, Quinton Martetta, John H. McCormick, John H. Strawn and John H. McCormick.

A brilliant meteor lighted up the town between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday night and was noticed by Greenbush and several other points.

Howard Miller of Elk Lick, Somerset county, announces that blanks will soon be sent the census enumerators.

The House of Representatives in Congress is to consider an appropriation will be made for a new survey of the Yough river between Connellsville and Wheeling and Toledo to Chicago.

There is a strike threatened by the

Frick employees on account of the shut down of Valley works, and the various labor assemblies are voting on the question.

Irish miners have returned to work at the old rates of 80 cents a ton.

There are 11,843 men in the region, 12,000 in blast and 106,600 tons of coke made.

General Manager John McFadden of the Hostetter Coke Company says that Master Workman R. D. Kerfoot's decision that Whitney works are in the Latrobe district is without foundation. Whitney works are in the Connellsville district.

L. S. Hyatt graduates from the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

There are nearly 100 bicycles in use in Connellsville.

The presence of smallpox at Van Wert brings home to us the fact that the importance of the Board of Health in every community, whether township, town, or city, is seldom properly appreciated or supported.

The Board of Health should be manned by intelligent and public-spirited members; its officers should be competent, vigilant and active; its efforts should be heartily seconded by the local authorities and the public generally. It is the guardian of the public health; it stands between the citizen and lingering illness or grim death; it has the first claim upon the public treasury, because its work is of the first importance. Without health there is seldom much happiness; and without LIFE, all the

POWER of NATIONS, ALL THINGS EARTHLY, FADE INTO NOTHINGNESS.

The only serious criticism of the H. B. of Mines bill which passed finally yesterday, is that it butts into the business of the States; yet, as a matter of fact, it is only a tardy recognition of the part of the Federal Government of its paternal responsibility toward the whole people.

Some States have excellent mining laws and those of Pennsylvania perhaps stand at the head of the list in point of intelligence and efficiency; but the mining interests of this State have had more than one cause to congratulate themselves for the material assistance extended through the operation of the United States Geological Survey's testing station at Pittsburgh. This branch of the federal service will be merged with the Bureau of Mines under the H. B. of Mines.

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF MINES BILL.

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The conservation of our mineral wealth.

The study of economics necessary to the recovery of the full value of our coal and in this connection the scientific use of fuels.

The intelligent investigation of mine disasters and the establishment in the mines of uniform conditions of safety.

Legislation of this character has been sought for years, in some States mainly and in others with a reasonable measure of success and because of the fact that in some States the search has been rather futile the Federal Government proposes to lend a hand to doing the work which the States have neglected.

## THE MACEDONIAN CRY FROM GREENE COUNTY.

Against the unjust discrimination of the dominating Pennsylvania railroad, Waynesburg's only and aggressive daily newspaper, the Waynesburg Times, raises its voice in emphatic protest. It says:

Greene county has suffered, to these many years, from the domination of the

Pennsylvania railroad, to doubt is to proclaim ignorance. It is a plain case and what are we going to do about it?

The Reporter advances a new proposition when it demands that the health officers be increased before the police force, but it is time the proposition was being impressed upon the people: IT IS TIME THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES WAS GIVEN PRIOR CONSIDERATION OVER THE PROPOSITION TO PROTECT THEM IN THEIR PROPERTY; it is then rebates, that their correlating communities are to be protected, that the department be stopped, that our own vigorously that such interference with their rights is destructive, revolutionary, even anarchistic. They think they have a perfect right to mindless interference for the good of all, and to hold another. We're certain to hold to the proposition that communities have certain attendant rights and among these is an equal right with other communities to develop natural resources. How have we been treated in Greene county? Our little townships are artfully manipulated by our own citizens, who are crippled by the manipulation of the Pennsylvania until the stock went very low, then agents of this company bought a controlling interest, and it is now one of the strongest, if not the strongest, railroad simply because it is an absolute monopoly and every proposition that communities have certain attendant rights and among these is an equal right with other communities to develop natural resources. How have we been treated in Greene county? Our little townships are artfully manipulated by our own citizens, who are crippled by the manipulation of the Pennsylvania

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## CROSSLAND HANGS ON TO HIS JOB.

Court Decides It Has No Jurisdiction In Ouster Proceedings.

## BONDSEN WIN TAX DISPUTE.

Decision is Favorable to Those Back of Dennis Kerwin—Long List of Sentences for Carrying Concealed Weapons—Other Court News

UNIONTOWN, May 17.—Constable Joseph T. Crossland is not ousted by the court as the petitioners against him desired. The court handed down its decision this morning stating that the proceedings were irregular in the matter. The court, in making the decision, refused to appoint C. H. McCullough constable.

McCullough brought the petition in to court and asked that Crossland be ousted on the grounds that he was not a resident of the Fourth Ward Connellsville. Crossland tried to establish that his Butskirk township farm was only a "summer" home. While the court threw the proceedings out of court, the victory is not wholly for Crossland for it does not establish that he has a right to the job.

The suit of the School Board of Dunbar against Tax Collector Dennis Kerwin and his bondsmen, John Kerwin and John McDowell, resulted in an order being made in court this morning to effect that judgment be entered against Kerwin for \$449.19, the amount admitted. The School Board claimed \$558 in addition to the \$449.19. The \$558 was the alien tax collected from the Cambria Steel Company and the Dunbar Brick Company. The court held that the bondsmen are not liable for the \$558.

The suit of Annie Kudlak against John Howard was settled amicably although the terms were not made public. Annie was betrayed by John who gave a \$500 bond that he would marry her. Annie married someone else but wanted the money from Howard also.

Concealed weapon sentences were numerous this morning and the \$75 fine with nine months in the work house were handed to Steel, Raymond, Mike Kurtz, William Bradshaw, Luke Moore and John Luke. For the larceny of \$40, John Reaga was sent to jail 90 days. Peter Kovac will pay the costs for an assault at Masontown. George Martin will do the same for dredging a Dunbar board bill and Rose Miller was also taxed costs for disorderly conduct.

A decree in divorce was granted Clark M. Johnson against Ella Johnson, desertion being the charge.

A charter was granted the Point Marion Firemen's Relief Association. Lee Smith was appointed viewer in place of H. F. Detwiler in determining the vacation of a road in Georges township.

Arguments for a new trial were made in the suit of Antonio Grasso against P. Bufano. Grasso was given judgment against Bufano when he claimed the banker failed to send \$100 to the old country.

The will of Caroline McMasters was filed this morning. Mrs. McMasters died in Connellsville, February 4. The will directs that all property, both real and personal be disposed of and the proceeds divided equally among the children. Leroy W. Rowan, John Rowan, Elizabeth Caple, Phoebe King and Minnie Jones. A bequest of \$100 is also given Phoebe King who nursed the deceased during her last illness.

The court issued an order today setting aside service on Patrick Ridge of Ridge Brothers in the suit of Isaac L. Blair. Ridge objected to service because it was secured at a time he was compelled to attend court in this country.

A bill in divorce has been filed by James L. Peight against Ruth Peight, desertion being alleged. The two were married at Oakland in 1908.

Robert F. Ryan has been appointed minority inspector at Evergreen in place of Robert Gottami, resigned.

The National Cash Register Company has entered suit against A. Christopher of Merrittsville to recover a cash register valued at \$65.

Of the three boroughs of which the valuations have been totalled, only one Murklevsburg shows an increase. Murklevsburg decreased \$2,290 from last year, going from \$15,560 to \$12,270. Smithfield lost \$2,990 by a decrease from \$31,475 last year to \$31,455 this year. The increase at Murklevsburg was \$24, this year's totals being \$32,415 against \$32,291 last year.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

At Meeting of the Connellsville Band Boys.

The Connellsville Military Band met Monday evening in the band room in the City Hall and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Charles K. Russell; Vice President, Worth K. Balsley; Secretary, L. G. Hoove; Assistant Secretary, O. R. Herwick; Treasurer, R. L. Hannan; Leader James W. Buttermore and Assistant Leader, John R. Gaster.

## Fayette City Increases

The total assessed valuations of Fayette City this year is \$496,975, an increase of \$7,760 over the previous assessment. Fayette City real estate is valued at \$479,400.

## An Orphans' Court Order Made in Chalfant Case

UNIONTOWN, May 16.—In Orphans' Court this morning an order was made confirming the report of D. W. Newcomer and W. W. Kern, appraisers in the matter of exemption claimed by Bryan M. and Anna Belle Chalfant, daughters of the late Dr. William B. Chalfant. The appraisers set aside \$800 in cash to be divided between the two. The daughters declined to accept anything but cash.

In the estate of Rebecca Holland deceased Charles O. Schrover was appointed guardian ad litem of George O'Neill, Murphy, a grandson living in Brooklyn, N. Y. The first and final account of Ray J. Anderson, administrator of David Anderson, deceased, was confirmed absolutely.

Isaac Pieros guardian of Anna M. Grau filed the following bonds this morning: One of \$50, a nominal bond; one of \$500 to cover the sale of coal in Redstone township, and one of \$800 to cover the sale of a house and lot in South Brownsville.

## ROLAND GETS THREE FOR SELLING BEER

They Delivered Westmoreland Brew to Foreigners at Stuckel Hollow, Tis Said

Constable William Roland made three arrests at Sunniontown Tuesday afternoon, the prisoners being charged with violating the liquor laws in selling Westmoreland county beer in Fayette county. D. P. Rhodes, Robert A. Layman and William Lynn were the alleged offenders.

Rhodes and Layman were arrested on information before Square John Boyle of Uniontown, while the charge against Lynn was preferred before Square P. M. Buttermore of the West Side. All three waived a hearing and gave bail for court.

The men are accused of delivering beer of the Stratton brewery in Stuckel Hollow, County Detective Frank McLaughlin was the informant.

## Work at Plant of Ripley Company Is Progressing

Work is progressing nicely at South Connellsville on the plant of the Ripley Glass Company which will occupy the site of the old automobile works. A force of laborers is at work preparing for the installation of machinery and equipment of the plant. Forms for concrete walls are being built and excavation is under way for the foundations for a large building that is to be erected. The building will be an addition to the old automobile works building formerly used as a brass foundry.

The old iron structure will be moved some distance onto a new concrete foundation. The old glass building will also be razed and the site used for another building for the glass works.

Operations at the plant of the Keystone Glass Works are also well under way. Laborers are well along with excavations and other preparatory work.

## Tubercular Cow Found on Freed Farm by Hyatt

Health Officer Allen Hyatt has reported to State Health Commissioner S. C. Dixon the condition of a cow on the Sanford Freed farm in Bullock township. The bovine gives signs of tubercular infection. It froths at the mouth and has sores. The cow is tied up and its milk will not be used until it is regarded as fit for human consumption.

The Heeds do not sell milk in Connellsville, they do not follow the dairy business at all. The milk on the place is fed to hogs and Health Officer Hyatt wants to know whether this might not be the tubercular cow. The other cows on the farm are in good condition.

## CLOSING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Last Day for Three Months Will Be on May 31.

Tuesday, May 31 will mark the closing of the public schools for the summer vacation. Final examinations are being given in many of the rooms and the students are eagerly looking forward to their vacation.

The members of the graduating class are devoting a portion of their time to the parts assigned them in the annual commencement exercises.

## FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

At the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Freed Saturday.

The monthly meeting of the Union Farmers' Club of Fayette county will be held Saturday May 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Freed in Dunbar township. The subject for discussion is Opportunities for the Young Men Twenty and Forty Years Ago.

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## PARTIAL MERGER OF FAYETTE BREWERIES CONSUMMATED TODAY IN PITTSBURG WITH CAPITALIZATION OF \$7,500,000.

Five Companies Taken in, Masontown, Brownsville, Republic, Johnson and Yough—Original Financial Plan Arranged and the Holdout Companies May Come in if They Want To, the Outlook for Which Is Said to Be Favorable.

PITTSBURG, May 18.—A partial merger of the brewing interests of Fayette county was effected in Pittsburgh this afternoon. Five brewing companies were combined as a starter namely the Yough Brewing Company of Connellsville and the Labor Brewing Company of Brownsville, the Republic Brewing Company of Republic, the Masontown Brewing Company of Masontown, and the Johnson Brewing Company of New Salem. With these go the Brownsville Ice Company of Brownsville.

The financial end of the deal was concluded here this afternoon and was made comprehensive enough to cover all the other breweries in the county including the Pittsburg Brewing Company's plants at Connellsville and Uniontown and the Labor Brewing Company of Brownsville, the Republic Brewing Company of Republic, the Masontown Brewing Company of Masontown, and the Johnson Brewing Company of New Salem. With these go the Brownsville Ice Company of Brownsville.

It is estimated that the combination of the breweries as effected today will increase business and profits by 50 per cent over what they are at present in the court's ruling brewing area.

It is also probable that with the different breweries merged under one management that agents will again be permitted here it was the combination of agents for the rival companies that brought about conditions undesirable to the court.

The capitalization arranged to take in all of the breweries is \$7,500,000.

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## SERENADERS ARE THE JOKE VICTIMS.

Gray Benedict Turns Tables on His Friends by "Spiking" the Wine.

## SCATTERS THEM OVER HILLS

The Morning After Every Fence Corner Had a Drowsy Serenader Who Succumbed—All Because Old Bachelor Weds 14 Year Old Orphan.

MEYERSDALE May 18.—The side of the Allegheny mountain just east of the summit was strewn with drunk and noisy serenaders Thursday morning as the result of a joke being played upon the practical jokers who planned a lively time for the man whose victim they became. A combination of four year old home made wine and 120-proof whiskey proved more effective than any knockout drops that Somerset county has yet discovered and of the 22 neighbors who planned the wedding serenade the number which returned home sober was few.

It was Wednesday that D. R. Hersh of Northampton township boarded a train at Sand Patch while Mrs. Edith Smith, a 11 year old orphan, took the same train at Mansfield. They alighted at Cambria and were married, but planned to keep the affair a secret.

Suspicions were aroused when Mrs. Smith was seen to board the same train Hersh was on and when they returned one by way of Mansfield and the other from Sand Patch, rumors had already reached the mountain top. The 22 male neighbors planned and executed the serenade but it took two dynamite blasts which shook the country to make the couple confess. Hersh owned up that he had at last surrendered to Cupid's wiles after being abandoned as homeless by all the marriageable girls of the vicinity.

The serenaders demanded a good refreshment, but rejected overtures of toiles and top. They were offered whiskey and beer. Hersh finally offered them home distilled wine. They accepted this alternative but did not know that the wily Hersh had "loaded" the wine with 120 proof whiskey. The wine was served in tall glasses and the tipsy serenaders drank their fill. Soon they were beyond the noise making stage. The concoction contained about one part whiskey to two parts wine.

Maids of the party started off for home but few got there that night. A majority was in favor of napping in the fence corners in spite of the frosty night, but some were able to stagger along. The men held out as long as possible but one by one they fell by the wayside. Some did not reach home until noon the next day.

Hersh succeeded in ridding his home of the obtrusive serenaders who had planned an all night session. He was less fortunate in appeasing the wrath of his aca mother who was exposed to the wedding because of the great difference in the ages of Hersh and his girl wife.

## District Sunday School Convention Holds Election

A district Sunday school convention of the Fayette County Sabbath School Association was held Thursday afternoon and Thursday night in the First Baptist Church. The evening session in all the local Sunday schools as well as a number from the nearby towns were represented.

S. B. Hensley of Connellsville was elected President, and Homer Chaffey of Sonora Connellsville Vice President. Mrs. H. S. Stewart of South Connellsville was elected Superintendent of the Foreign Department.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises after which W. J. Collins, of Linton, spoke on "Perseverance." W. L. in the Sunday Schools, Mrs. A. J. Porter of Scottsdale spoke on "The Primary Department." Rev. R. C. Miller, pastor of the Evangelical Church of South Connellsville gave a talk on "The Home Department of the Sunday School."

The evening opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. R. C. Wolf of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Greenwood of Dunbar spoke on "Business Methods in the Sunday School." Rev. Blair of Perry spoke on "The Attitude of the Lord Toward the Minor Traffic." A number of selections were rendered by a male quartette under the direction of Rev. Thomas Charlesworth of Van derbilt.

## MOVES TO RALEIGH

D. F. Smith, B. & M. Main Street Property.

B. F. Smith, for 10 years an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad running on the Connellsville division has sold his residence, a fine seven room frame dwelling on South Arch street to George C. Holcomb of McKeesport.

Mr. Holcomb, moving his family from the Tube City to take up his residence in Connellsville. Mr. Smith with his family will move to Raleigh, N. C. where he has a position on the Atlantic Coast Line railway. The consideration for the property was \$1,500.

## CAPT. LOAR GOES WEST.

Well Known Tent Veteran Seeks Health in California.

WT. PLEASANT May 14—Capt. James A. Loar, a veteran of the Civil and Spanish American wars as well as a national gunnery and the town's guest dentist left Saturday for Los Angeles, California, where his many friends trust the climate will speedily bring the desired benefit to his health.

Capt. Loar was born at Mud Creek, Greene county, this State and learned his profession in Indiana State. Shortly after returning from service in the Union army he was married to Miss Harriet Cross of Greensburg, whose death some six years ago was a heavy blow to the old soldier.

They lived for a short time after their marriage at Waynesville, Ohio and then came here where he continued the practise of dentistry until recently when he retired leaving his only son Dr. B. M. Loar in charge of the office.

It was as company commander in the National Guard of Pennsylvania that Captain Loar was best known having begun his service therein before that body of citizen soldiers was organized by Governor Hartman following the Pittsburgh labor riots of 1897. When Company E was organized here as part of the Tent regiment ten years later he was elected captain volunteer and going with his boys to the Philippines where he served in the Fighting Tenth's glorifying the command he served so bravely after returning home. He was also prominent in local lodge and church circles having long been a prominent United Brethren

## SENTENCE IMPOSED ON THE GRAFTERS.

Prominent Pittsburg Men Who Do Time in Jail.

## THE PENALTIES WERE MILD

Fines Accompanied Prison Terms, None of Which Was Over Eight Months—Vilas Fired \$5,000 and Einstein \$2,500—Heffner Loses

PITTSBURG May 18—Arrived that jacked the court room to saturation was Pres. H. S. Hartman, when the men who pled guilty in the Pittsburgh graft case were called for sentencings. The men sentenced were:

A. V. Vilas, former cashier of the Germ National Bank, eight months to jail and a fine of \$5,000; former Comptroller W. H. Weber six months to jail and a fine of \$500; Charles Stewart, former Comptroller in eight months to jail and a fine of \$500; Hugh Ferguson, former Comptroller eight months to jail and a fine of \$500; Mrs. Livingston, a former member of Select Council six months to jail and a fine of \$250; P. D. Martin, former Comptroller in four months to jail and a fine of \$250.

L. H. Jennings, President of the Columbia National Bank and F. A. Griffin, former cashier of the Columbia National were granted postponements owing to illness in their families and the postponement will be until the members who are ill have recovered.

C. W. Friend, President of the Clinton & S. Co. Company and M. F. Swift, Jr., convicted former members of Council will be called likely this week. All efforts of those who were called except Jennings and Griffin to secure a postponement of their sentences proved unavailing.

Cap. John A. Klein returned to the Western Penitentiary this morning. He said on leaving the jail, "I am going home. I have finished my work and there is nothing more for me to do. I want to be on hand and greet the boys when they come down the river."

Four additional informations check pictures were filed in an afternoon suit this morning against Captain Klein by former Comptroller Simon who was recently convicted of graft charges. The move is said to be one to call further graft proceedings.

It is rumored that similar charges will be made against Commonwealth witnesses who testified in the Simon case. This afternoon it was announced that Friend will not be called until the court is more familiar with his case. Swift will be called for sentence on June 1.

Rillton House Burned to Ground by Firebugs

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## ARC LIGHTS FOR GREENWOOD

Little Other Business Was Transacted  
Except That of a Routine Nature.  
Only Bills For Salaries Are Approved  
By the Body.

As a plain business proposition Council will put up to the people the proposition to issue \$60,000 in bonds, the issue maturing in 1925. Of this amount, \$35,000 is to take up the present floating debt, most of which is bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. The remainder, \$25,000, will be spent in street improvement work, which, if carried out, will make Connellsville one of the best paved municipalities in Western Pennsylvania.

Chairman Clark of the Ordinance Committee presented the ordinances which were read by Borough Solicitor J. Kirk Remer. Borough Solicitor S. Ray Shelby explained the provisions of the ordinances and Chairman W. H. Thomas of the Finance Committee also talked in their favor.

As there are two ordinances enabling the voters to approve or reject either or both of the bond issues, Chairman Thomas spoke first for the \$25,000 issue to pay off floating debts. He listed the present debts, most of which are interest bearing. They are, without interest:

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| Combination Hook & Ladder Co., for a new wagon | \$ 1,144.00 |
| B. O'Connor, street paving                     | 1,000.00    |
| John F. O'Connor, paving                       | 1,000.00    |
| West Penn Electric Co., street lighting        | 5,000.00    |
| Morgantown Brick Co., paving bricks            | 671.42      |
| B. O'Connor, paving                            | 740.72      |
| Greenwood Fire Alarm Co., alarm system         | 6,130.00    |
| Morgantown Brick Company                       | 1,201.50    |

The above are all certificates of indebtedness. The open accounts over due are as follows:

|                                       |             |
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| Connellsville Water Co.               | \$ 4,110.00 |
| Chicago Fire Hose Company, fire hose  | 1,000.00    |
| West Penn Electric Co., street lights | 5,576.72    |
| Jones Bros., balance on sewer         | 322.50      |
| McKinney, balance on Johnstown water  | 1,714.52    |
| B. O'Connor, balance on paving        | 407.55      |
| J. E. Hogg, sewage disposal plans     | 1,519.45    |

This is a total of \$23,291.17. The interest brings the total up to \$37,000.

On the street improvement bonds, Chairman Thomas stated that petitions have already been received for the paving of Murphy, Cedar, Baldwin and Washington avenues and the West Side hill. Petitions expected in the near future are for Seventh street, West Side; York avenue, Galatin avenue; Highland avenue and Leisenring avenues, West Side. The engineer's estimate of the borough's one-third of this work is \$2,127.80.

Chairman Thomas stated it is not a good business policy to carry these debts at 6 per cent. interest and it will increase the credit of the borough to meet its obligations promptly.

The ordinances show that the \$35,000 bond issue for paying off the debts will mean a taxation of less than 1/4 of 1 per cent while the \$25,000 will mean a millage of less than 1/20 of 1 per cent. It will make the total in debt of the borough \$21,000. The present bonded debt is \$181,000, and the floating debt \$35,000.

Solicitor S. Ray Shelby explained the ordinances in concise form. It was his maiden speech before the body and he made a good impression upon the Councilmen. The ordinances originally called for an election July 3, but the Councilmen thought this came too close to the Fourth of July and made the date one week later. Both ordinances passed without a single dissenting vote.

The Democratic members left City Hall before the meeting was called Thursday. That is, all but Councilmen Bishop and Buttermore. McCormick, Berg, Martini and Reynolds pulled up stakes a few minutes before a quorum assembled. Clair Stillwagon was out of town.

A parliamentary hitch occurred when the petition of the Greenwood citizens for four lights came up. Councilman Bishop moved that the communication be filed. This was amended on motion of Thomas to be referred to the Light Committee. Bishop argued that this motion was all right and that the matter could be referred to the Light Committee. Bishop received. President Millard and Councilman Thomas advanced the theory that in past Councils' matters "placed on file" were usually buried for all time. The committee got the petition. It is understood the petition will be favorably acted upon.

The Public Safety Committee presented the request of the West Side Volunteer Firemen that the annual allowance of that organization be made more than \$125 a year. \$90 of this going for jasitor service. The matter was referred to the committee for a report. Chairman Stoner of that committee also reported that the matter of an objectionable sign owned by H. J. Boslett is now in the hands of the Bargees.

The Finance Committee was directed to meet with Tax Collector George B. Brown to settle the tax duplicate for 1905, 1906 and 1907. Mr. Brown said he was willing. The committee was also directed to settle the 1904 duplicate of S. Watson Straw.

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## THE TOLL OF LIFE.

Now staining for last ten years how it a heavy one. From 1899 to 1908, a period of ten years, 4,234 persons lost their lives in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, 2,886 or 55.04 per cent were killed by falls; 602, or 13.30 per cent by cars; 367 or 20.10 per cent by explosions of gas and dust; and 479 or 11.05 per cent by miscellaneous causes. In 1899, 250 lives were lost inside the mine or 292,665 tons were produced per life lost. In 1908 when the production was 141,517,175 tons 550 lives were lost inside the mines or 208,277 tons were produced per life lost. For every 1,000,000 tons of coal produced during this period 143 lives were lost, and 1,045,533,739 tons was produced by 20,1382 men employed inside the mine.

During this period 1,030 were killed inside the mines. In Westmoreland county while 185,334 were the number of miners employed inside, the production of coal 204,171,860 tons of coal was mined with an average of 5.46 lives lost per 1,000 tons of coal produced or 17,254 tons of coal were produced per life lost.

In 1908 in the anthracite coal field 74,592,181 tons of coal was produced by 124,232 men from 684 mines and in the bituminous field 114,937,875 tons were mined by 152,536 men from 1,301 mines.

A Verdict for  
\$17,500 in Suit  
of Coal Company

SOMERSET, Pa., May 12.—The jury is in the case of the Somerset Colliery Company vs. A. F. John returned a verdict last evening awarding the plaintiff the sum of \$17,500. Mr. John is a prominent resident of Johnstown. The case is based on the foreclosure of a mortgage on coal property in Somers Township and involves about \$22,000. This is the third time that it has been tried in the local courts and on the former trials there were verdicts for the plaintiff which on appeal to the Supreme Court were reversed and new trials ordered. Judge John A. Evans of the Court of Common Pleas No. 3 of Pittsburgh presided at this trial. An appeal will be filed immediately by the defendant. Judge Richard S. Holt of Beaver and James Inman of Greene county presided at the first and second trials of the case. Judge Konser is presiding at the trial of a suit in replevin brought by the Pickands-Magee Company of Pittsburgh against the Southern Coal Company to re-take machinery consisting of engines, boilers and dynamos valued at about \$2,700.

TWO MEN KILLED  
AT ISABELLA SHAFT

Were Caught Beneath a Heavy Timber That Fell Where Men Were at Work.

Two men were instantly killed and several others had a narrow escape Wednesday at 7 o'clock at Isabella shaft of the Isabella Connellsville Coke Company between East Riverside and Aensburg. They were caught beneath a heavy timber while at work on the head frame of the shaft. The dead are:

The remains will be taken in charge by Undertaker Clark Dearth, of New Salem, and will be shipped to Allegheny today.

Cram and Archal and about 15 other men were at work under supervision of Superintendent Quigley when the accident occurred. The two men killed were engaged in pulling a large piece of timber to the top of the frame work when the hook of the pulley gave way. The bodies were removed to the office of the works. Coroner Harry J. Bell was notified and will make an investigation.

## HEAVY COAL SHIPMENTS.

Coming Fall and Winter Will Take Large Tonnage to the Northwest.

J. H. Wheeleright, Vice President of the Consolidation Coal Company, has returned to Baltimore from a trip west and says that the big coal docks of the Northwestern Fuel Company, at the head of Lake Superior are cleaner than they have been for 10 years, and that in consequence a larger tonnage can be provided this fall and winter than in many years past.

Pittsburgh Company Sues. The Pittsburgh Company of Pittsburgh has entered suit against the Crossland Carriage & Wagon Company of Connellsville, claiming \$162,74 for supplies alleged to have been furnished to the defendant company.

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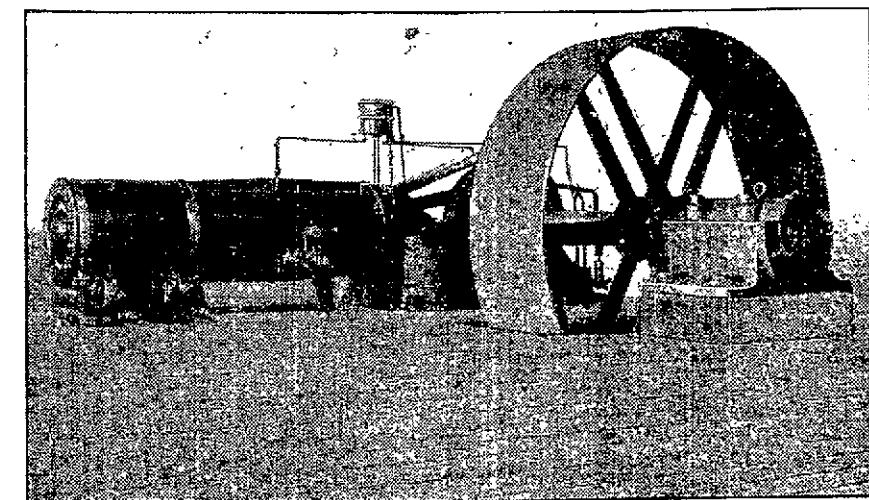
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